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	Examiner Marc A Patterson	Art Unit 1772	

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THE REPLY FILED 14 December 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

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1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: none.

Claim(s) objected to: none.

Claim(s) rejected: 23-36,38 and 39.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: none.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☒ Other: See attached.

ADVISORY ACTION

Applicant's arguments filed December 14, 2004 have been fully considered but have not been found to be persuasive.

1. Applicant argues, on page 5 of the remarks, that the use of the diisocyanate compound in compound in Kanamori et al is for production of the aliphatic polyester component rather than the polyester carbonate component, therefore the assertion that that the polyester carbonate includes the diisocyanate is inaccurate.

However, Kanamori et al teach that the aliphatic polyester and polyester carbonate are combined to form a single composition (mixed in a mixing apparatus; column 8, lines 1 – 5); the diisocyanate compound is therefore contained in a composition that also comprises that polyester carbonate, and is the polyester carbonate composition therefore includes the diisocyanate.

Applicant also argues, on page 6, that the compound taught by Kanamori et al is not a polyurethane; conventionally, Applicant argues, polyurethanes are produced by reacting a glycol or alcohol with an isocyanate compound, rather than by polymerizing a diisocyanate compound with tartaric acid.

However, the polymerization of a diisocyanate compound with tartaric acid clearly also produces a polyurethane, having carboxyl group functionality; the compound taught by Kanamori et al is therefore a polyurethane.

Applicant also argues on page 6 that if tartaric acid is selected as the acid to produce the polyester, then succinic acid is not selected to produce the polyester, and the current rejections rely upon the selection of succinic acid to produce the appropriate polyester.

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However, the succinic acid that is taught by Kanamori et al is used in the making of the polyester, as stated on page 2 of the previous Action, and the isocyanate compound that is taught is used in the making of a chain extender in the same composition (column 7, lines 63 – 67); the previous Action was not intended to state that the succinic acid and tartaric acid are used simultaneously to make the same polyester.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marc Patterson, whose telephone number is (571) 272 – 1497. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by phone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon, can be reached at (571) 272 – 1498. FAX communications should be sent to (703) 872-9310. FAXs received after 4 P.M. will not be processed until the following business day.

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